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## HEART vs. HOSIERY.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,  
BY E. C. WHITTON.

A little mud  
Upon the street,  
A little bad  
For little feet;  
A little maid  
Comes with a skip—  
A little start—  
A little slip;  
A little cry  
As down she goes.  
Little ankles,  
Little hose.  
A little man  
Upon the scene  
Helps up maid  
With smile serene.  
A little maid,  
A little naive,  
A little smile—  
He is her slave.  
A little nerve  
Upon his part,  
A little maid  
Gives up her heart.  
A little courtesan,  
Hours late,  
Little swings  
On little gate;  
A little ring  
And day is fixed.  
Man gets dates  
A little mixed.  
Parson ready  
Knot to tie,  
Little man  
A little fly.  
Thinks it over,  
Shakes his mash,  
Marries girl  
With lots of cash.  
Little maiden,  
Nose all red,  
Taken home  
And put to bed;  
Makes resolve  
She will not try  
E'er to catch  
A passer by  
By a ruse  
That plainly shows  
Little ankles,  
Little hose.

## LOST IN THE WOODS; OR, THE TREACHEROUS GUIDE.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,  
BY RICK THORNE.

Some years ago I went astray in a Maine forest. I was lost completely in the densely wooded region I was in. At the time I had given up, tired and worn out, and sat down on a rock to wonder how things would turn out with me. I had been away from camp twenty-four hours. There were six of us in the camping party, including the guide, who was also cook and man of all work, and our camp was near the borders of Moosehead Lake. Three of our party, with the guide, had gone a-fishing. The fourth man, a little under the weather, had decided to remain in camp and do some heavy loafing. The fifth, myself, declined to go with the fishing expedition simply because he didn't feel like fishing that day, and so remained with the physically indisposed member of the camping party.

The fishermen got away about ten o'clock. Between that time and two o'clock I had played a number of games of cards with my companion, when he, feeling drowsy, gave way to sleep. I saved the role of sleeper myself, but miserably failed, as I always had and have since, in the day time. Falling in the reading act as well—the day was too bright to put in in reading when camping in the wilds—I took a rifle and cartridge belt, and set off for a tramp in the woods, fully alive to the possibility, rather say probability, of getting lost, but determined not to be if I had to "blaze" my way every three paces after losing sight of camp. And "blaze" I did for a time until it became tiresome and too much like being out for that purpose, too much like prosaic labor for labor's sake, something to which the laboring animal, man, is not greatly given, and so I stopped "blazing." There's where I made a mistake. A stranger in that locality, and going out alone into the densely wooded wilderness, I should have kept on "blazing." Not willing to do that I should have remained in camp. But I reasoned that, as I intended to go straight ahead all I would have to do, when far enough away, would be to turn squarely about and go straight ahead for the camp. The reasoning was logical enough, but it won't work in the unknown wildwood—try it if you doubt me.

It was 2.30 o'clock when I left camp. At 5, not having seen anything to shoot at, I turned squarely about and made for the camp, as I supposed, having something more than two hours of daylight to make it in. At 7 I began to look for the "blazed" trees, but found none. I continued to hunt for them until too dark to hunt longer—there's one blaze that won't show in the dark, to the average eye, at least, and that's a "blaze" on a tree. Then I shot off my rifle three times quickly in succession, an understood signal with us that someone or more of the party was lost, expecting to hear the answering two shots at once, feeling sure I was not far from camp. No answer coming, I again gave the signal shots after a reasonable wait. No answer to that or the third signal. Then I knew I was lost for the time being, probably for the night. It didn't excite me greatly, still I would much rather have been in camp. I should be out a supper and a comfortable night's sleep, but he who can't gracefully submit to such "luck" when roughing it in the wilds had better remain at home. When day broke I would walk into camp and make nothing of having been lost in the woods over night.

Day broke on time. It found a wideawake man there in the woods anxious for camp, breakfast

and sleep. Seated with my back to a big tree I had sat all night wide awake. I didn't know what denizens of the wilds would be prowling about in the nocturnal hours, and I preferred to keep awake. I had thought of getting up a tree, but it occurred to me that if there were bears or panthers about, and they wanted me, I had better be on the ground than up a tree. Once only in the night was the stillness and blackness broken, and that was when, hearing a movement in my front and, calling out and getting no answer, I fired in the direction of the sound, hearing nothing more.

At the first streak of day I was on my feet and—well, plunging further into the mire of misdirection, as it turned out. Signal after signal I gave,

"Want to get back to camp, somewhere on the lake—Big Rock. Know where that is!"

"Hub! Big Rock's way over yonder, twenty miles, mister!" and she threw out her long leathery arm and pointed in my rear, to my great amazement. But it's always thus with a man lost in the wilderness. He travels miles in the way he should go, as he thinks, only to find—if lucky enough—that he has been moving in the opposite direction. It seems queer that a human derelict can't steer the right course once in a while—I never heard of a case, though—but it isn't. You see, he steers a course from conviction, which, owing to the pervasiveness of fate, is invariably the wrong one. If he would shut his eyes, whirl about two or three

she wouldn't send him out. I promised—I would have promised anything, almost—and asked her to send out something to eat, and some water, giving her half a dollar.

It was fully fifteen minutes after she entered the bark but before any one appeared—a long time, I thought—and then a man came forth with an old fashioned rifle in one hand, a gourd and something else in the other. He wore no hat or shoes; had on a shirt and overalls that were once red and white respectively, and seemed a fitting match for the female now in the background gloating over that five dollar note, probably, and laughing to think how she had "gummed" me. The fellow came up smirking and passed me the gourd and

I quite looked it. The smirk came back instantly, and obsequiously excusing himself he went on, I following.

A noise as of some animal in the woods arrested my attention. He allowed it was some "critter" we had no time to hunt, I agreed with him, and we plunged on through the forest, and in a haphazard way, it seemed to me; but concluding the fellow knew his business—he did, as he meant to carry it out—I went on without remark. After a while the "guide" stopped and sat, with his usual smirk:

"Major, it just comes to me that I can cut off ten miles of this tramp, if things is right, an' git ye to camp by sundown—"

"For God's sake, see if things are right," said I, the prospect of getting to camp occupying my mind to the exclusion of all else.

"Course I will, major. You set down yere an' wait 'bout ten minits while I run half a mile an' back—o-please ve kin swim south'n more'n half a mile, Major." Held him to go quick, as I couldn't swim in my exhausted condition and off he went, but taking his rifle, which I suggested he should leave, as he wanted to make quick time; but he said a "bar" would be sure to meet him if he had no gun. I felt that such would be the case for a sure thing and that ended the talk—and my acquaintance with the smirking hypocrite and devil.

I seated myself on a rock, tired and not over hopeful, and when I looked for the "guide" saw him not. That was no great wonder, for those woods were thick and the underbrush thicker. For all that I began to wonder if that fellow had given me the slip, and accused myself of being a bluffed fool for letting him go; then concluded I was borrowing trouble to add to that I was already in. Suddenly a rifle shot rang out in my front, and the hot breath of a speeding bullet singed my right cheek. I knew who had sent it as well as though I had seen the scoundrel fire!

"Good God! I am done for!" I ejaculated, whirling over and getting behind the tree against which I had rested; not getting to my feet, but knees. I felt that I was at the mercy of that infernal smirking scoundrel, who, unseen and used to the woods, could keep sight of me and shoot at will. My blood curdled in my veins. The cold sweat stood out all over me. The thought that I was to be shot there like a dog to be killed like a rat in a trap, very nearly overpowered me. Shaking myself, I fired three shots to three different points. Fate might direct one of the blindly shot pellets to the body of the murderous scoundrel who was stalking me for a few dollars, ready to murder to gain his end!

"Bang! bang! bang!" an answer to my three shots! No—a rain of buck-shot! Instead, from a double-barrelled gun. Most of these struck the tree above my head. Had I been standing I had been a dead man then and there! But that double fire. It argued two in the game of murder! That devil woman had stalked us to be in at my death! With a cry of rage, not unmixed with fear, I think, I sprang up, fired three shots more in the direction whence had come the double shot, and broke away from the spot. It was rushing away from a more or less speedy death to perhaps a lingering one of starvation, I felt. Still there was hope in this direction, while to remain was to be butchered by two devils in human shape, not so craving for blood, perhaps, as for money, but reckless of blood letting with money getting their intent. But, in the open, with my repeating rifle and plenty of cartridges I would not have cared for half a dozen such as they, but in the woods there, where they, knowing my position, could hide while I couldn't—ugh! one was too many. Afterwards I could account for that long wait at the hut. The two willing to be murderers were arranging matters with regard to later proceedings—I admit their guns perhaps.

I hadn't taken ten steps—they were actually leaping—when I heard the double fire of the shot gun and the sharp crack of the rifle, but no ping of bullet or whizz of shot. I stopped and looked sharply in the direction of the sounds and saw—trees, trees and undergrowth only. A few moments and bang! bang!—crack! and a shriek came to my ears and still no sound of crashing and striking lead. Then it occurred to me that the cheerful pair of money hunters and would be murderers were firing on one another—fighting a duel!—and, notwithstanding the serious dilemma I was in, I laughed loud and heartily. The humor of the thing—I thought it most comical, those two creatures peeping one another for greed of bank notes, each hoping to acquire my little wad—struck me very forcibly, and, watching out sharply for either one of the precious pair, laughed out again. Then it occurred to me that such a thing was not likely. Then why that shriek? Why no shot in my direction, as they certainly could have kept me in sight?

Hark!—crack!—crack! Not that shot gun but two rifle shots, some distance in my rear. They could not have come from my treacherous "guide"—no, there goes his rifle now, right in my front, then the bang! bang! of the shot gun, but no whistle of bullet or shot in my direction. Yes, those two hut dwellers were shooting at one another surely! Hark! again. Crack!—crack! Two more rifle shots and a faint halloo! My heart came into my throat. I couldn't shoot, but could fire and did—three shots. Quickly came two answering shots, and a shout nearer than before. My friends were at hand, thank fortune! Three more shots from my rifle—I shot too in the direction of my foes with a shout as loud as I could give, and I plunged away in the direction of rescue and deliverance from the Philistines!

Three minutes later and I was in the "hands of my friends" literally, my right arm being "pumped" for all—aye, much more—than it was worth in my then physical state and my ears saluted with highly flattering expressions of satisfaction and pleasure at having found the "stray lamb" which I knew were to be taken at par, albeit chaff followed quickly on the heels thereof. Though I was declared to be the prodigal camper returned, for whom the fatted buck would be killed, I was not allowed to forget that I was an idiot—with a big I—for having "strayed from the fold," which truthful impeachment I gracefully and gratefully acknowledged.

After a long pull and strong pull at a flask of generous proportions and grateful contents, which



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but got no response. Two o'clock found me dead blown, and seated on a rock wondering how things would turn out, as stated. What my feelings were only those who have been lost for hours in the woods can tell, and I advise all others not to seek the experience. How long I had sat on the rock, my knees drawn up, on them my elbows, and my jaws in my hands, I could not have told without looking at my watch. Whether ten or sixty minutes it matters not. Suddenly I became aware of a not far away movement. Looking up quickly, I saw a strange apparition backed against a tree about twenty feet away. It was that of a woman in extreme decolette costume, consisting of shirt and petticoat, the one and the other originally white and red, cotton and flannel, but now stained and soiled beyond the power of soap and water. The sleeveless upper garment hung low, exposing no feminine "charms," only a scrawny, bony breast; the petticoat falling just below the knees, exposing naked extremities; both garments more or less torn and tattered. At first I thought her to be the apparition of a female aborigine—a degenerate squaw—but soon decided that she was a sallow, sun dried specimen of the sisterhood sporting Caucasian blood, though of low grade and ugly features. I looked at this tousled headed, weather beaten, ill favored specimen of the sex we adore with no little surprise and interest (she might be utilized as a guide), but left it to her to open the conversation, if she would. I had not long to wait; still, it was some seconds before she took the initiative and spoke, both staring hard at one another, she at last opening out with:

"Who's you, mister?"

To this point blank query I responded at once, getting to my feet and taking up my rifle by the muzzle:

"I'm Tom Jones, lady; and you?"

"I'm no erount, I aint. What yer doin' yere?"

"Lost—a lost babe in the wood."

"Hub! yer a city feller. I'd git lost in the city, in the woods—hub! Wanter git back hum, I'se pose!"

times, then start off in the direction he faced, he would be as likely to strike it right as wrong. He would have an even chance; but with his "head turned" his conviction is invariably awry, and this he always follows. If you ever get lost in the woods, and you are convinced you should pursue a certain course, turn square about and make wry against your conviction.

"Twenty miles back—whew!" I ejaculated, and felt fainter than before. "Show me the way, madam, and you take ten dollars of my money. Do you know the way?" The creature's eyes glistened as she replied: "Hub! know the way—sure! Pay now!" and her eyes glistened with a greed that personified avarice might have been equal to—might, I'm not sure.

"Five down, and five when I reach camp. How's that?"

The terms were accepted, and the woman advanced with her hand partially extended, the bony talon like fingers working convulsively, causing me to laugh in spite of my faintness and generally wretched feeling. If her eyes had glistened before, they gleamed with a devilish lustre when I drew forth my wad and handed her a five dollar note over which her talons closed quickly and tightly.

"That creature would murder me for that roll," I said to myself, but the thought didn't trouble me, for obvious reasons; but I took good care that she led the way. We had tramped about a mile in the direction she had indicated, and which seemed to me to be the wrong one, when she stopped suddenly and, pointing obliquely, said, "See, mister. There's our casle—me'n my man's. See it?" and laughed harshly and hysterically. I saw a hut on the A tent plan, the frame work of saplings, probably, "thatched" with slabs of hemlock bark, a not very inviting "casle." Then she told me that she couldn't show me the way to camp, it being too "fur" for her, but that her man would. I was to remain where I was until she sent him out. I was to pay him the other five and not say a word about the one paid her. If I wouldn't promise, she

what proved to be a "hunk" of Johnny cake, cold and clammy, but ambrosia to me, as the water was nectar.

"Best we got, major, to offer ye," the fellow said, "but yer welcome to't, major. Got lost, eh? Bad place ter git lost in!" and all the while he smirked and smirked, and all the while I ate ambrosia and drank nectar, nodding my head in accompaniment. I didn't like the fellow's looks—he smirked too much, his hair was too red, his eyes too beady and shifty, his teeth too yellow and uneven, and his general appearance too everything unpleasant—but all the same I ate and drank, and left nothing but the gourd.

"Now, for Big Rock, my man," said I, refreshed and eager for the tramp to camp. Then he smirkingly informed me that he was to be paid five dollars. When camp was reached, I politely informed him, but without avail. He wouldn't budge until he had that five. I thought his beady eyes snapped more quickly when he saw my roll, but he made no other sign, only smirked and smirked. He was a better actor than his partner, could disguise his feelings better. Starting on, he at my side, he fell in love with my repeating rifle, and wanted to handle it—"just ter see how 't'd seem ter handle sich a gun's that, major—but he didn't. When we reached camp he could handle it, I told him, he regarding me with a smirk.

We went on for an hour, he chattering rubbish to which I gave no heed, when he suddenly blurted out that it was "with ten dollars easy," to guide me back to camp. Irritated at his greediness, I blurted out, forgetting my promise, and not much caring that I had given up ten dollars—five to his woman. Then came a change over the spirit of his demeanor. He jumped, howled, raged, foamed at the mouth—looked like a veritable demon from the pit—and swore he would wallop the life out of her when he got back. I told him I didn't care what he did when he got back—I didn't either—but to go on or I would put a bullet through him—I was desperate enough to do it, almost, and rather think











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